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In re Application of:
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In response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 19, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no fee is due in conjunction with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/3049.X1/RDE, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 3-7, 24-30, and 40 without prejudice and amend the claims as follows: